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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS

1. CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S HIRC SUB-COMMITTEE PLANS TO HOLD A HEARING ON JUNE 14 CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ROC AND HAS ASKED THAT AN EA WITNESS TESTIFY. IN PREPARATION FOR THIS HEARING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION'S EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS HAD ON TAIWAN. WHILE WE WISH YOUR VIEWS ON HOW VARIOUS ELEMENTS ON TAIWAN HAVE REACTED, WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN WHETHER AND HOW THIS NEW EMPHASIS HAS INFLUENCED GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS. IN ADDITION PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON POINTS WHICH MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN OUR TESTIMONY IN ORDER TO ADVANCE OUR INTEREST IN IMPROVING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION ON TAIWAN.

2. CHEN MING-TSAI (AKA TAN BEN-CHAI) MAY BE ONE OF THE OTHER WITNESSES. THE ONLY UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION WE HAVE ON TAN IS THAT HE WAS AN ASSOCIATE OF YEN MING-SHENG. TAN
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CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN DETAINED BY THE POLICE IN 1976 AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO HAVE ESCAPED FROM TAIWAN TO AVOID PERSECUTION. ANY LIGHT YOU CAN SHED ON TAN'S ACTIVITIES WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR RESPONSE TO PARA ONE BY JUNE 2. VANCE

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